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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA - AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

REF: (A) USUN 4788; (B) USUN 4642

1. SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 1, THE CONTACT GROUP OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING DECIDED TO SUSPEND ITS ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE ITSELF SHOULD MEET IN MID-NOVEMBER TO APPROVE AN "INTERIM" REPORT TO THE 31ST UNGA WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE BE RENEWED. ON A RELATED MATTER THE G-77 HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PUSH FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING MET ON NOVEMBER 1 AND, RESPONDING TO A PROPOSAL BY THE G-77, AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IN LIGHT OF THE ORIGINAL WORK SCHEDULE (I.E. TO COMPLETE THIS READING BY THE END OF OCTOBER) AND THE PRESS OF OTHER UNGA BUSINESS, THE CONTACT GROUP WILL SUSPEND
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ITS ACTIVITIES FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR.

(B) CHAIRMAN DADZIE WILL PREPARE A NEW CONSOLIDATED TEXT CONSISTING OF REVISED SECTIONS FOR THOSE AREAS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED BY THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE ORIGINAL TEXT FOR CHAPTERS V, VII, AND VIII. THE NEW CONSOLIDATED TEXT WILL HAVE NO STATUS OTHER THAN AS "A BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS."

(C) THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ITSELF WILL MEET IN MID-NOVEMBER TO APPROVE AN "INTERIM" REPORT TO THE 31ST UNGA WHICH WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, (I) THE NEW CONSOLIDATED TEXT AND (II) A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE BE RENEWED.

(D) SHOULD THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE BE RENEWED, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION BEFORE THE END OF 1976, PRIMARILY TO AGREE ON A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1977.

3. IN PRESENTING THE OUTLINE OF THIS FINAL AGREEMENT, THE G-77 SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT IN THEIR VIEW, "REASONABLE" PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIVED BY THE CONTACT GROUP -- CERTAINLY MORE PROGRESS ON RESTRUCTURING THAN ON ANY OF THE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII). IN GENERAL, EO SPOKESMEN (EC-9, NORDICS, JAPAN, CANADA, AND U.S.) RESISTED THIS ASSESSMENT, EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF REAL PROGRESS THUS FAR AND, WHILE ACCEDING TO THE G-77 PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND MEETINGS, INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE IMMEDIATELY WITH SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION, THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER IMPROVING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE AND WAYS OF SHIFTING THE FOCUS OF FUTURE WORK FROM GUIDELINES TO SPECIFIC ACTION PROPOSALS. WHILE NOT OBJECTNG TO THE FINAL CONSENSUS, THE SOVIET BLOC WAS EXPLICIT IN ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT ASKING FOR A RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE.

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THE G-77 HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO PUSH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (SEE REFTEL B). BENNETT

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